Sudmergence of Villages in Madhya Pradesh due to Construction of Rajghat Project

454. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and the total area in Madhya Pradesh that are likely to be submerged on completion of Rajghat Project;

(b) whether there is any possibilities of submergence of any part of land in Madhya Pradesh from Rajghat Project during the flood season of 1990; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been made for payment of compensation and resettlement of oustees by the project authorities and whether required funds have been made available to Madhya Pradesh by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) 31 villages and 11779 hectares of land.

(b) In case of occurrence of maximum flood, upto 13 villages may get affected temporarily.

(c) Payment for land, property and rehabilitation grant to these villages has already been made.

Indian Poultry firms evading Customs duty

455. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owners of certain poultry firms in India are evading Customs duty in the Import of chicks from the United States; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against such firms for evading Customs duty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE .MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) On receipt of information that the owners of certain poultry firms in India were evading Customs duty, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence searched the premises of such firms recently. Large number of documents have been recovered and 14,459 Chicks valued at Rs. 2.04 crores approximately have been detained.

Permission to sick Textile Mills in Bombay to sell land

456. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the sick textile mills in Bombay to sell their land; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) This subject matter comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Supply of diesel fuel at international price to deep-sea fishing industry

457 SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Deep-sea fishing policy to be announced soon' which appeared in the Ecocomic Times of 27th June, 1990;

(b) if so, by when the policy of supplying diesel fuel at international price to the deep sea fishing industry is likely to be initiated;

(c) whether Government are aware that the fishing season has started; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to implement this policy?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No scheme has been finalised for the supply of diesel oil at international prices to deep sea fishing vessels.

Rehabilitation of deep sea fishing industry

458, SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of rehabilitation and relief in the existing rehabilitation programme for deep sea fishing industry that his Ministry have jointly drawn up with the Banking Department; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the present scheme envisages raising of huge amounts by operators even .though the industry has been sick for the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Following are some of the parameters for providing rehabilitation/relief to the SDFC assisted deep sea fishing projects:—

(i) Repayment of all outstanding Government dues and deferred debt to be made within a period of 12 years including a period of moratorium of two years. This will be subject to the remaining economic life of the vessel. It could, however, be relaxed to 13 years in cases where the Debt Service Coverage Ratio so requires on merits of the case.

(ii) Rate of interest on deferred (funded) interest may be kept low or may not be charged as the unit is sick anyway. In cases where the bona-fides of the company are doubtful a higher rate of interest may be adopted, which could be upto 50% of the documented rates. This would depend on the merits of the cases.

(iii) The projected Average Debt Service Coverage Ratio should be in the region of 1.3

(iv) The Rehabilitation Package should be approved subject to acceptance by the promoters of, 'and complete compliance with, all the terms and conditions set out.

(v) The promoters should open a no-lien account and provide personal guarantees.

(vi) The promoters should demonstrate their co-operation and commitment and should bring in some equity as promoters contribution.

Balance of Trade Position

459. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS,: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps Government have taken during the last three months to improve the balance of trade position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): A series of steps have been taken fo* export promotion and import substitution to improve the balance of trade position. These are designed to make exports commercially viable through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competetive prices, strengthening infrastructure, and simplifying procedures. Some of the steps taken in the recent past. include announcement of special procedure for export of Non-Basmati rice and Safflower Seed; Promotion of export of Polyester Filament Yarn, Rayon Filament Yarn, Nylon Filament Yarn, Viscose Staple Fibre Spun Yarn, High performance Viscose Staple Fibre under special dispensation; increase in the minimum export prices of Buffallo Meat; Organisation of promotional programmes